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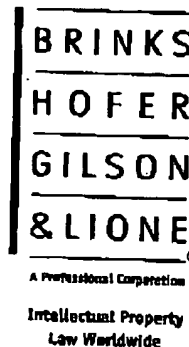
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Dear Examiner Ramana:

This letter is being sent as a follow-up to the voicemail message that I left with you last week for the purpose of rescheduling an Examiner Interview in January, 2007.

As stated in my earlier message, we propose that the interview be held at the USPTO on January 16, 2007, at 10:30a.m. According to my recollection, this is one of the possible days and times that you and I discussed by telephone earlier this month. Also, as discussed, it is our desire to have both yourself and Eduardo Robert present at the interview. We anticipate having three people appear on behalf of the applicant, namely two individuals from the Assignee, Cook Incorporated (including inside patent counsel) and me. There is an outside chance that one of the Declarants to the pleadings recently filed in this matter may also attend.

In order to allow us to finalize our plans in this matter, I would appreciate it if you would contact me as soon as possible and let me know whether this date and time is acceptable. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

  
Lawrence A. Steward

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cc: Richard Godlewski